

# Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 25, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting cotton, rice, sorghum, soybeans, and harvesting hay. Cool-season hay harvest is winding down. Rain during the past week was a welcome relief to most farmers across the state. Soil moisture conditions were rated 7 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Emerged	99	96	100	93	0	2	16	68	14
	Silked	5	---	1	1					
Cotton	Planted	99	89	99	93	0	1	15	71	13
	Emerged	82	46	96	83					
	Squaring	0	---	3	3					
Rice	Planted	96	93	100	92	0	0	32	67	1
	Emerged	89	80	97	84					
Sorghum	Planted	96	94	93	83	0	0	11	85	4
	Emerged	88	85	82	73					
Soybeans	Planted	76	62	83	52	0	0	8	87	5
	Emerged	60	39	68	41					
Wheat	Mature	26	9	48	43	1	6	37	46	10
	Harvested	0	---	1	4					
Peanuts	Planted	91	79	95	78	0	0	1	84	15
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	10	10	14	25	0	0	1	97	2
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	75	63	78	---	0	3	26	54	17
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	8	5	9	---					
Peaches	Harvested	10	---	0	6	0	0	12	53	35
Watermelons	Planted	92	88	92	90	0	3	15	57	25
Blueberries						1	1	15	57	26
Cattle						0	2	15	67	16
Pasture						1	4	23	58	14

## County Agent Comments

"Cotton planting was completed the first of the week. Producers have finished side-dressing corn. Cool-season hay harvest is complete. Soybean planting should be finished next week. Pastures have been slow to recover from cool spring temperatures."

— Mike Howell, Lee County

"Ideal planting conditions of adequate moisture and warmer soil temperatures have allowed producers to complete cotton planting and make an excellent start on soybean planting. Corn has improved tremendously in the last two weeks. Cool-season hay harvesting was delayed by the rain earlier in the week. Excellent stands of both cotton and soybeans are present in most fields."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Heavy rain put a halt to soybean planting. We are about 60% planted. Cotton is up and looking good. The rain was welcomed by corn producers. Rain also put a halt to hay harvesting."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Recent needed rains have aided in summer pasture development. Cool-weather has allowed ryegrass to persist longer than normal with cool season hay production coming to a close."

— Patrick Poindexter, Pike County

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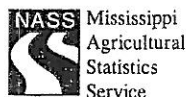
# Weather Summary From May 19, 1997 to May 25, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	89	54	71	74	-3	2.58	+1.65	2	4.55	79	65	73	0.29
Cleveland	89	54	71			2.35		4	6.55				
Tunica	92	47	70	72	-2	1.06	-0.23	2	2.63	81	69	75	
Extreme/Average	92	47	71	73	-2	2.00	+0.89	3	4.58	81	65	74	0.29
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	87	46	67	69	-2	2.03	+0.86	2	3.94	81	61	71	0.24
Memphis	86	52	71	73	-3	1.74	+0.59	3	3.52				
Oxford	89	45	70	70	-0	2.38	+1.23	2	4.48				
Extreme/Average	89	45	69	71	-2	2.05	+0.89	2	3.98	81	61	71	0.24
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	48	68	71	-3	1.12	-0.09	2	3.48				
Corinth	91	49	70	72	-2	1.50	+0.13	2	2.99				
Iuka	85	42	65			0.98		3	3.47				
Pontotoc	88	48	70	71	-2	2.08	+1.16	3	8.13	86	62	74	0.18
Tupelo	85	50	69	71	-3	2.58	+1.56	4	6.02				
Verona	89	52	71			2.12		3	6.91	86	55	72	0.20
Extreme/Average	91	42	69	71	-3	1.73	+0.60	3	5.17	86	55	73	0.19
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	58	73	74	-1	0.48	-0.73	3	4.60	91	68	79	
Greenwood	88	56	73	74	-2	0.00	-1.02	0	4.62				
Rolling Fork	88	58	72			1.48	+0.47	5	2.43	95	72	82	0.15
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	88	58	73	75	-1	1.34	+0.28	4	3.49				
Extreme/Average	90	56	73	74	-1	0.83	-0.25	3	3.79	95	68	80	0.15
5. Central													
Carthage	86	56	72	73	-1	2.45	+1.35	6	5.10				
Jackson	85	61	73	74	-1	3.12	+1.99	7	4.31				
Winona	85	52	68	70	-2	2.32	+1.41	3	8.71				
Extreme/Average	86	52	71	72	-1	2.63	+1.58	5	6.04				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						1.50	+0.49	2	4.78	90	64	74	
Columbus	86	52	72			1.70		2	4.94				
State University	86	48	70	74	-3	1.88	+0.95	4	4.05	93	62	76	
Extreme/Average	86	48	71	74	-3	1.79	+0.86	3	4.50	93	62	76	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	58	73			2.99		6	3.93	90	70	79	
Natchez	87	62	75	75	-0	4.45	+3.38	6	4.88				
Oakley	86	61	73			6.90	+5.83	7	9.43	84	72	77	
Vicksburg	85	63	73			3.28		5	4.20				
Extreme/Average	89	58	74	75	-1	4.41	+3.34	6	5.61	90	70	78	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	87	61	74	75	-0	2.17	+0.64	6	5.15				
McComb	88	62	75	74	+1	1.67	+0.62	6	1.72				
Extreme/Average	88	61	74	74	+0	1.92	+0.63	6	3.44				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	92	60	75			3.49		6	5.01	94	70	80	
Hattiesburg	88	63	75	74	+1	4.60	+3.31	6	7.17				
Laurel													
Meridian	86	56	72	73	-2	3.14	+2.10	6	3.78				
Newton	87	58	71	72	-1	1.85	+0.81	6	5.47	86	65	73	0.11
Extreme/Average	92	56	73	73	-0	3.27	+2.15	6	5.36	94	65	76	0.11
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	86	61	74			3.13		4	4.97				
Biloxi	84	63	75			4.01		4	4.70				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	86	61	75	76	-1	2.50	+1.04	3	3.59				
Poplarville	87	60	74	75	-1	6.72	+5.44	6	6.72	84	67	75	1.70
Extreme/Average	87	60	75	76	-1	4.09	+2.72	4	5.00	84	67	75	1.70
State	92	42	72	73	-2	2.47	+1.34	4	4.75	95	65	76	0.44

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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